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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4695

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 2849

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PFOR UR US

SUBJECT: ARREST OF SOVIET CITIZENS IN FRONT OF US EMBASSY

REFS: A) MOSCOW 2832, B) MOSCOW 2814, C) MOSCOW 2771

D) MOSCOW 2763, E) STATE 44707

1. FAYN AND VLADIMIR PRESTIN WERE AGAIN PREVENTED FROM ENTERING EMBASSY AFTERNOON OF MARCH 2. FAYN TELEPHONED CONSOFF AND STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN PICKED UP AFTER TELEPHONING EMBASSY EARLIER AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT EMBASSY DID NOT WISH TO RECEIVE HIM. CONSOFF SAID THAT EMBASSY WAS WILLING TO RECEIVE HIM AT ANY TIME AND FAYN SAID THAT HE WOULD BE AT EMBASSY IN HALF HOUR. HE AGAIN TELPHONED EMBASSY FROM NEARBY TELEPHONE BOOTH. CONSOFF WAS IN FRONT OF EMBASSY WAITING AS HE AND PRESTIN APPROACHED TO WITHIN ABOUT 15 FEET OF EMBASSY ENTRANCE. TWO UNIFORMED MILITIA MEN THEN STOPPED THEM AND BEGAN TO TAKE THEM TOWARD WAITING CAR. CONSOFF WHO WAS AT SCENE TOLD MILITIA THAT FAYN AND PRESTIN HAD BUSINESS IN EMBASSY AND THAT HE WISHED THEM TO BE PERMITTED TO ENTER. THIRD MILITIA MAN, WHO PREVENTED CONSOFF FROM REACHING FAYN AND PRESTIN BY INTERPOSING HIS BODY, STATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO COME TO EMBASSY.

2. EMBASSY INTENDS TO SUBMIT NEW PROTEST NOTE, POINTING

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OUT AGAIN THAT EMBASSY IS PERPARED TO RECEIVE FAYN AND PRESTIN AND NOTING THAT HIS INCIDENT OCCURRED AFTER EMBASSY'S

PRIOR PROTEST OF REFUSAL TO PERMIT ACCESS.

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